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UNSAFE TO WRITE AT NIGHT.

Thoughts on Correspondence From the Communicative Girl.

From eight to ten p.m. in the tall girl wrote letters. The next morning immediately after breakfast she announced that her time up to twelve o'clock would be devoted to correspondence.

"Sure you are not going to write more letters," said the top floor girl. "You wrote a dozen last night."

"I know I did," was the reply, "but I am not going to send them. I never mail a letter that I write at night. It isn't safe. I say too many idiotic things. I only write them as a kind of safety valve. There are certain things that I must say to relieve my mind. After I get those thoughts put down on paper I feel better, but you couldn't hire me to mail the letters."

I used to, but that was before they got me into so much trouble. We let our emotions run away with us when writing at night. We get entirely too confidential. Under a shaded gas jet we tell things that wild horses couldn't draw from us by the light of day. Next morning we realize what geese we have made of ourselves, but if the letters have been mailed it is too late to do anything, and we just have to sit down and wait for the avalanche.

"I still write letters at night, but only as a relief. This morning I shall write to the same persons I wrote to last night, but the letters will not be even first cousin to those emotional epistles. These will be safe and sane and war- ranted innocent."

The top floor girl looked uneasy.

"I wrote a letter myself last night," she said.

"Letter read it," the tall girl advised.

"You'll be sure not to send it if you do."

The top floor girl opened the envelope and perused her letter slowly.

"I think," she said, "that I will go upstairs and write another."—New York Sun.

ONE BLESSING OF POVERTY.

And the Somewhat Singular Werriment of a Man Once Poor, But Now Rich.

"Poverty has one blessing concealed in it, anyway," said a man now enjoying a fortune he made himself; "it gives a man a proper appetite for the enjoyment of wealth when he does get it. Only a man that has once been accustomed to earned beef and cabbage can really know the thoughts of turkey. The man who has all this has eaten fine food can find any particular enjoyment in it, and it always tastes the same! all he can do for variety is to spice things up; a man must have lived on chuck steak to appreciate the ten derloin."

"It's just, as far as everything else is concerned, a man must have lived on the footloose of a crowded trolley car to be able to appreciate a carriage."

"Speaking of contrasts, I never when I was poor envied the rich; never, never thought of such a thing; and you can take my word for it that the average American feels just the same way. Envying the rich? Why, he'd laugh at you if you said such a thing to him. He thinks he's as good as anybody; and he expects to be rich himself some day. Envying the rich? Why, that's a comic idea; and the only rich man that disturbs him at all is the man who has accumulated his wealth not by fair means but by milking the public; and he doesn't worry over him as much as he ought to; he's so busy getting rich himself."

"Really, now that I've got the money, the only thing that worries me is about my children. We were poor when they came along, but rich before they went to understand, and they have never wanted for anything; always had everything they wanted; and they don't know what it is to lack, and they can't find the enjoyment in being rich that I do."

"I shall hope that they turn out to have sense and be willing to work; and if they do turn out so, why then we shall be able to put their feet down on the ground and bring them to know the world with knowledge and understanding; and what I hope most of all is that they will come to love work for work's sake, and then they may be happy. For, after all, I tell you, the most enduring pleasure that life affords is that to be found in labor."—New York Sun.

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